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DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction:	9815 Roosevelt Blvd Suite A	Philadelphia PA 19114		
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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

Johnny Fields and Anita Powell Williams Fields (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Mercer County NJ (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Schafkopf Law LLC, 11 Bala Ave Bala Cynwyd PA 19004; 610-664-5200			DEFENDANTS						
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOHNNY FIELDS

175 King Ave Ewing, NJ 08638

and

Civil Action No.

JURY TRIAL OF TWELVE (12)

JURORS DEMANDED

ANITA POWELL WILLIAMS FIELDS

175 King Ave Ewing, NJ 08638

Plaintiff

v.

EMCOR GROUP INC

9815 Roosevelt Blvd

Suite A

Philadelphia, PA 19114

and

EMCOR FACILITIES SERVICES

FLUIDICS INC

9815 Roosevelt Blvd

Suite A

Philadelphia, PA 19114

and

KENNETH SHAFFER

9815 Roosevelt Blvd

Suite A

Philadelphia, PA 19114

and

JOHN DOES 1-10

Defendants

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

PARTIES

- Plaintiff, Johnny Fields, is an adult individual residing at the above captioned address. At all times material, Plaintiff was employed by the Defendant, EMCOR Services Fluidics Inc. as a Lead Diesel Technician. Plaintiff worked for Defendant from November 2018 to May 21, 2019.
- 2. Plaintiff, Anita Powell Williams Fields, is an adult individual residing at the above captioned address and is the wife of Plaintiff, Johnny Fields.
- 3. Defendant, EMCOR Group Inc is a corporation duly organized in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania doing business at the above captioned address.
- 4. Defendant, EMCOR Facilities Services Fluidics Inc, is a corporation duly organized in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania doing business at the above captioned address.
- Defendant, Ken Shaffer, is an adult individual and employee of EMCOR Services
 Fluidics Inc doing business at the above captioned address.
- 6. Defendants, John Does 1-10, is a moniker/fictitious name for individuals and entities currently unknown but will be substituted when known, as affiliated, associated or liable hereunder for the reasons set forth below or inferred therefrom. Each of these parties are incorporated as Defendants in each and every count and averment listed above and below. Upon information and belief, Defendants, John Does, were agents, servants, workmen, or employees of Co-Defendant, liable to Plaintiff hereunder.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. Jurisdiction over the matter is conferred upon the Court by 28 USC § 1331, as the cause of action arises under federal law. Supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law claims is granted by 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 8. Venue is proper in this district as the facts and transactions involved in the discrimination complained of herein occurred in large part in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.
- 9. All conditions precedent have been satisfied. Exhibit A

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 10. Plaintiff was hired as a lead diesel technician in November 2018.
- 11. Plaintiff was under the supervision of Defendant, Kenneth Shaffer, who was the site manager.
- 12. On Plaintiff's first day, Shaffer made an unusual remark upon meeting Plaintiff; Shaffer told Plaintiff that he had an African American grandson.
- 13. On or about February 12, 2019, Plaintiff was working on a forklift.
- 14. Plaintiff approached Shaffer with some questions about the forklift.
- 15. Shaffer told Plaintiff he did not have time to speak with him and had more important issues to take care.
- 16. Plaintiff confronted Shaffer stating that he felt Shaffer ignored him and brushed him off anytime Plaintiff attempted to speak to him about work related issues.
- 17. An argument ensued between Plaintiff and Shaffer in which Shaffer began yelling inches from Plaintiff's face and poking his finger into Plaintiff's chest.
- 18. Shaffer began calling Plaintiff names and stated, "there are two kind of black folks, one that eat chicken and one that eat watermelon, which on are you Johnny?"

- 19. Plaintiff walked away and immediately contacted Shaffer's supervisors and reported the incident to human resources.
- 20. Defendant EMCOR never investigated the incident Plaintiff was advised by Human Resources that the matter would be closed because each party gave conflicting accounts of the incident and there were no witnesses.
- 21. On or about April 15, 2019, Plaintiff discovered a leak with a fork lift.
- 22. Plaintiff went to Shaffer's office to discuss the issue and found Shaffer sitting in his office with another employee, "EJ."
- 23. Again, Shaffer was dismissive of Plaintiff's issue.
- 24. Plaintiff confronted Shaffer in front of EJ, asking why Shaffer was dismissive of him and his work-related issues and was disrespectful toward Plaintiff.
- 25. Shaffer jumped out of his chair yelling at Plaintiff, accusing Plaintiff of stating Shaffer was a racist to other employees and threatening to "kick his ass."
- 26. Plaintiff reported the incident to Human Resources.
- 27. On or about April 16, 2019, Plaintiff was suspended pending an investigation by EMCOR.
- 28. On or about May 21, 2019, Plaintiff received a phone call from EMCOR and a letter stating Plaintiff would be terminated pretextually due to EMCOR losing their contract with US Steel. Exhibit B
- 29. Upon information and belief Shaffer was not terminated.
- 30. The actions of Defendants have caused Plaintiff to suffer fear, distress, upset, and financial loss.

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

COUNT I CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION 42 U.S.C. § 1981 & 1983 HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION AND HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT ON THE BASIS OF RETALIATION ETHNICITY AND RACE

- 31. The above paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 32. As a result of Defendant's actions as aforesaid, Defendant has denied Plaintiff the right to the same terms, conditions, privileges and benefits of his employment agreement with EMCOR, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1981.
- 33. Defendant has caused Plaintiff to suffer humiliation and embarrassment, emotional distress, and to sustain damages for which recovery of compensatory damages may be had pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 34. Said hostile environment and discrimination against Plaintiff was pervasive and severe.
- 35. Said hostile environment and discrimination against Plaintiff has affected Plaintiff to his detriment.
- 36. Said hostile environment, discrimination and harassment would detrimentally affect a reasonable person under similar circumstances.
- 37. Said discrimination and harassment has caused a hostile work environment.
- 38. Said violations were done intentionally and/or knowingly with malice or reckless indifference and warrant the imposition of punitive damages.
- 39. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, Plaintiff has suffered the damages and losses set forth herein and has incurred attorneys' fees and costs.
- 40. Plaintiff is suffering and will continue to suffer irreparable injury and monetary damages as a result of Defendant's discriminatory acts unless and until this Court grants the relief requested herein.

41. The wrongful acts and conduct of Defendants were done with deliberate indifference to the statutory and constitutional rights of Plaintiff.

COUNT II VIOLATION OF TITLE VII

- 42. The above paragraphs are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 43. By committing the foregoing acts of discrimination against Plaintiff, Defendants have violated Title VII.
- 44. Said violations were done with malice and/or reckless indifference and warrant the imposition of punitive damages.
- 45. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of Title VII, Plaintiff has suffered the damages and losses set forth herein and has incurred attorney's fees and costs.
- 46. Plaintiff is now suffering and will continue to suffer irreparable injury and monetary damages as a result of Defendant's discriminatory acts unless and until this Court grants the relief requested herein.

COUNT III HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT

- 47. The above paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 48. The foregoing actions of Defendant created a hostile work environment that was severe and pervasive and that altered the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's employment.

COUNT IV PHRA

- 49. The above paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 50. Defendants', by the above improper and retaliatory acts, have violated the PHRA.
- 51. Said violations were intentional and willful.

- 52. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of the PHRA, Plaintiff has sustained the injuries, damages, and losses set forth herein and has incurred attorney's fees and costs.
- 53. Plaintiff is now suffering and will continue to suffer irreparable injuries and monetary damages as a result of Defendants' retaliatory acts unless and until the Court grants the relief requested herein.
- 54. No previous application has been made for the relief requested herein.

COUNT IV

Loss of Consortium

- 54. The above paragraphs are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- 55. As a result of the negligent, careless, and/or reckless acts of Defendants, Plaintiff,
 Rosemary Hannigan has been caused to suffer, and will continue to suffer in the future,
 loss of consortium, loss of society, affection, assistance, and conjugal fellowship, all to
 the detriment of Plaintiffs' marital relationship.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor and against Defendant in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, together with interest, costs, punitive damages, attorney's fees and such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just, including equitable, injunctive relief.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial as to all issues so triable herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

BY: /s/ Matthew Weisberg
MATTHEW B. WEISBERG, ESQ

GARY SCHAFKOPF, ESQ

DATED: 2-14-2020

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EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT B



May 21, 2019

Johnny Fields 175 King Avenue Ewing, NJ 08638

Dear Johnny:

This letter is to confirm our discussion today that your employment is terminated effective May 21, 2019.

Effective Tuesday, April 16, 2019 you were placed on a paid suspension pending an investigation into an altercation with a co-worker. Prior to the investigation concluding, our client, U.S. Steel, reviewed their contract and has terminated our services effective immediately. Consequently, your employment with us is terminated, as the position you held with us has been eliminated.

As a terminating employee, there are several issues related to your benefits of which you need to be aware.

Payroll

Your last pay, including any earned, but unused vacation hours will be paid to you on Friday May 31, 2019.

Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage

All Medical, Dental and Vision benefits will end on the last day of the month in which you terminate – May 31, 2019. You have the option to continue your Medical, Dental and Vision benefits according to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). You will soon receive information regarding benefit continuation from our COBRA administrator, ConnectYourCare. Please review the materials carefully as there are required 'reply by' dates.

Employee Group Term Life Insurance/Dependent Group Term Life Insurance

All Life Insurance coverage ends on the last day of the month in which you terminate (May 20, 2019); however, you have the option to convert your life insurance to an individual whole life policy and, under certain circumstances, to a term life policy, with the insurance company within 31 days following your termination date. You will be contacted directly by Sun Life Financial with the information needed to apply. For information about your insurance, please contact Sun Life at 800-247-6875 or visit their website at www.sunlife.com/us.

Group Disability Coverage

Your Short-Term and Long-Term Disability benefits end on last day of employment, May 20, 2019